

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

F. J. Lee

Text.—"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

One might think that Jesus did not need to pray so often, since all power is given unto Him in Heaven and earth. By Him the worlds were created. He was with the Father in all creation. He left the Glory Land and came to dwell with the children of men. He healed the sick, raised the dead and saved all that came to Him. He has left on record that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Then realizing that He is all powerful, why did He pray so often? He said that men ought always to pray. He did not say that the Son of man and angels ought to pray always. He knew that it was very necessary that men pray. So He doubtless set the example in order to teach us how important it is that we should pray a great deal.

He Was Not Lazy

Many ministers like to lie up in bed of mornings till nine or ten o'clock, but Jesus was not of this type. HE ROSE UP EARLY. The Scripture lesson says, He rose up early, a great while before day. A good warm bed is very enticing on a real cold morning, but Jesus' very being was freighted with energy, zeal, got up and push. There is much evidence in Scripture that there was not a lazy bone in Him. While we are trying to learn the examples of prayer, we should also learn the example of "pluck, get up and go ahead."

Ask and it shall be given. Why should we expect to get the desire of our heart if we do not ask? Some may say, "the Lord knows that I have need of certain things." This is true, but He said, "Ask." While there are general blessings that come to us, because of His previous arrangements. He gives the seasons. He has arranged that many different blessings come with different seasons. He gives to us rain and sunshine, and by these and the elements He has placed within the earth He causes vegetation to germinate

and burst forth and grow to maturity that it might be food for man and beast. Also by many other processes He gives clothing and food. These are blessings that come to all without us asking for them. But often there are times in our lives that we need special favors that do not come by the way of His natural arrangement. Then what shall we do? He says, "Ask, and it shall be given."

Some Things To Ask of the Lord

ILLUSTRATION. Are you in danger? Tell your Lord. Are you tempted? Tell him. Did you slip by the way and grieve him? Tell him. Never wait for the evening hour for confession and absolution. Absolution waits for your confession; make it immediately, wherever you are, in the train, in the office, on the street, amid the busy rush of the busy day, express your need in prayer. Practice the presence of God and speak to him under stress and strain at every point, whenever you feel you are burdened or in need. (G. C. Morgan).

Seek, and Ye Shall Find

We have a parable in the Bible of a woman losing a piece of silver. It is said that she sought diligently. Why did she seek so diligently? She was determined to find the lost coin, and when she found it, she called her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her because she had found the coin. Why was she able to find the coin? Because of her seeking so diligently. If she had been careless, indifferent and neglectful, she doubtless would never have found the coin. This should be an example to us when seeking the Lord in prayer for any special favor. Jeremiah said, "The Lord is good to the soul that seeketh him." David said, "I sought the Lord and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." He said this to impress upon our minds that the Lord will do the same for us if we will seek Him as earnestly and faithfully as he. Do you fear at times that you might be overcome with a temptation? If so, seek the Lord. Do you fear that your sickness might be unto death? If so, seek the Lord. Do you fear that Satan is going to hinder us having a revival? Seek the Lord. Do you fear Satan through human agency is going to overthrow the Church of God? Seek the Lord. Do you fear that because of reverses financially, you are likely to starve to death? If so, seek the Lord. Jesus who loved us enough to come to this earth and die for us, says, "Seek, and ye shall find." You say, "I have sought the Lord and I have never found that which I have sought of Him." But brother, sister, have you ever sought diligently as did the woman who

sought for the piece of silver? You will never receive from Him the desire of your heart if you seek in a half hearted way.

Knocking At the Door of Mercy

KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. Did you ever go to the door of a neighbor and knock, hoping very much to see the occupant, but found that they were slow opening the door? Would you turn away after the first knocking? No, you would persistently knock, and you would bring them to the door if they were at home. Likewise should we knock at the door of Heaven and continue to knock until the Lord gives heed to our knocking.

Sometimes children play with members of the household. They knock at the door, then run away, then when the party would come to the door there was no one there. That is the way some people do the Lord.

They become very anxious to get in touch with the Lord. They will knock vigorously for a little while, and if the Lord doesn't come at once to answer the call, they will run away. In a case of sickness they often run for the physician. They say, "I prayed (knocked) and the Lord did not come to my relief and I ran for aid otherwise." You didn't knock persistently with a firm intention of making the Lord hear. We must come to the Father in Jesus' name, and by this and the other requirements He will hear us.

O thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer thyself hast

FLASH LIGHT NOTES

IT IS STRANGE TO ME

How it is that a bachelor or an old maid knows more about how to remedy or give advice concerning matrimonial questions than those who have had experience.

How a woman who has never been a mother, and makes the statement that she is glad of it, can give such good advice and preach such raking sermons on raising children.

How a preacher who has no charge, and has not been able to hold a pastorate, always knows just what is wrong with the church he attends and could remedy it if he were pastor.

Why an Evangelist takes two weeks at the beginning of a protracted meeting trying to straighten another man's church, when he made a successful failure on the last one he tried to pastor.

Why pastors always find their new work in such bad shape and always leave the old in apple pie order, and yet we have the bad ones with us. It seems

trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray!—
James Montgomery.

In asking, seeking or knocking we are to do it in line with the will of God. A good parent would not give his child anything that would harm it. He would not give to the little one a package that contained poison, though the package is beautiful and very attractive he would not think of giving it to his child. He would not give it a razor to play with, neither would he give to it a rattlesnake. He would not do this, because of his love for his child, and his knowledge of the danger that these would be to the child. Also, neither does the heavenly Father give to us anything that in His infinite wisdom He knows would not be best for us to have, but anything that we ask for, believing that we shall receive, and if it is in harmony with His will, we are certain to receive it of Him.

"Petition must be coupled with submission. To pray is to desire—but to desire what God would have us desire." Fenelon has truly said, "Thy will be done" is the keynote to which every prayer must be tuned."

So to gain blessings and special favors from the Lord we must ask

1. In faith, believing.
2. Ask persistently.
3. Seek diligently, not to be denied.
4. Knock and keep knocking till He comes and opens.
5. Ask, seek, knock in harmony with His will.
6. All in Jesus' name.

as though the bad places would eventually disappear.

How a man who will not pay his debts, or live right otherwise, can, with his emotions and demonstrations, raise a shout, while one that lives a good consecrated life that nothing can be brought against can hardly get an amen to his testimony, because he is quiet and slow with it.

How that people can shout and rejoice over the sermon of the preacher who has just come to town, but regardless of what the pastor preaches it fails to touch them. I wonder if it is because the pastor knows more about them.

How people can trust God with their body and shout over divine healing, when they never pay (their doctor bill,) what they owe God, (tithes).

How church members can be chronic kickers at every progressive move, and be much help to the church in a heavy pull.

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HOW CAN I BE FREE FROM SIN?

C. J. Anthony

It is in the fear of God and with much love that I write these few lines unto those who know not God in the free pardon of their sins. My heart goes out with love and especially to those precious ones who seem to believe they cannot live a life free from sin. O so many are indifferent and unconcerned about the dear Saviour and when we approach them on the subject of holiness, they usually give us the "O I can't live without sinning, I just have to sin a little every day." This kind of an answer from a professing man or woman makes the blood run cold in my veins and especially so when I know that this is one of Satan's lies, invented for the purpose of damning precious souls in a lake of fire that shall not be quenched day nor night forever and ever. Rev. 20:10.

It is enough to make us quake and tremble with fear when we stop to think of what an awful condition this world is in at the present time. The devil is devouring souls and the class of people as mentioned in Revelation 21:8 is without question, increasing day by day and we are made to wonder what will happen next. Many are seeking a new religion or a way that will be more popular with the world, but why waste time seeking a new way, when Jesus says "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6, and since this is true we should at once come to the conclusion that we will submit ourselves unto God and resist the devil in order that he may flee from us. Let me, from the inspired Word of God give you a few answers to your question: "How can I be free from sin?" Matthew 1:21 says "And she shall bring forth a Son and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

I wonder how many professing people to-day believe this to be Scripture? Surely if they knew what God says about them they would believe it. Mark 16:15 says "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." The question is, have you been saved from your sins? I don't mean, Have you joined some church organization? I have no objection to this if you are saved from your sins according to the plan of salvation as marked out in the inspired Word of God, but remember there is no other way given whereby we can be saved, except through Jesus Christ. Acts 4:10-12, and when we are saved through Christ we are saved from our sins and not in them. 1 Jno. 1:7.

Don't let any one deceive you and cause your soul to be damned in hell by telling you that it is just as impossible for you to live a life free from sin. Remember that the Bible does not say we must sin a little every day, but it does say: "Follow peace and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14. Some folks say, "Preach what you believe and you are all right whether it agrees with the Bible or not, just so you believe it, but dear friends this is another one of the devil's big lies, for God says to preach the Word. 2 Tim. 4:2. Some teach that when you get salvation you can sin a little now and then and yet belong to the Lord, but this cannot be true for the Bible says, "Whoever is born of God does not commit sin." 1 John 3:8, so then if you are committing sin you belong to the devil and not to the Lord. You may ask the question, "What must I do when the devil tempts me to sin?" Praise God, we have the answer, Submit yourself therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7.

My dear friends, there is no hidden secret about the plan of salvation. It is so plain and simple that millions are stumbling into hell over it very simplicity. Our greatest trouble is in getting people to believe God's Word. It seems that they will believe everything else before they will the Word and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie and be damned, who believed not the truth, but found pleasure in unrighteousness. 2d Thes. 2:11-12. This is one of the causes for so many people not believing in holiness. They have believed the lies of men and devils until they have gotten into a delusion so strong that they cannot believe anything but lies and for this cause their souls will be damned in hell. Let us now remember that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instructions in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16. And as this is true (Continued on page 2)

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Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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The Sunday School rush is now about over. We have filled all orders received and filling them as received in double quick time. Those who fail to receive their supplies in reasonable time please notify us as it is our purpose to render the very best services possible to our customers, circumstances considered. We are sure that our patrons will look over us for the unavoidable delay. We are now taking every precaution to be ready for the second quarter's supplies at least thirty days ahead of time.

NOTICES

The Church of God at Slaton, Tex. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Norma Thurman.—M. E. Hargrave, Clerk.

We are to have Home Coming Day at West Frankfort, Ill., Jan. 16, 1927. Services all day, basket dinner. Everybody cordially invited.—W. J. Milligan, Pastor.

The Church of God at Dunlap, Tenn. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Emma Johnson, Mrs. L. M. Huckabee and Florence Smith. Please let us hear from you at once.—Lura L. Barney, Clerk.

The Church of God at Manatee, Fla. would like to hear from the following members: Sinia Evans, last heard from at Kiser, Ark. Georgia Mae Clarke, A. A. Crews, Fannie Reece and Brother A. M. Reece.

They and all members of the Church of God at this place who are living too far away to come to church are requested to write to the church at least every three months. If you are afraid you don't know the name of the Clerk and Pastor you may address THE CHURCH OF GOD, MANATEE, FLA. The Church of God is so widely known here that we would get your letter.

God has given us a wonderful revival at this place, and we had Home Coming Day Jan. 2d. The Lord certainly is blessing. We have property here now that amounts to about \$11,000.

J. A. Alvord, Clerk.

WANTED—A man and wife filled with the Holy Ghost and in the Church, to live on a small farm seven miles from Cleveland, Tenn., on the Spring Place Road. I want them to raise a crop and help in Sunday School and church work. This is a new field that we want to open up for the Lord. Holiness has been preached but little and people

are hungry for the Gospel.

Any one interested please write me.—H. L. Trim, Route 4, Cleveland, Tenn.

As I am not on any pastoral work this year and want to do evangelistic work this year, Brother J. W. Culpepper, State Overseer, has asked me to work in Georgia the coming year, so any one that wishes my services write me. The Lord has blessed my efforts the past year. Over one hundred have received the Holy Ghost, I baptized ninety-four in water and set two new churches in order so I feel like pressing the battle more for the Lord. I have four in my band of workers, wife and I, Sister Eulie Faircloth, pianist, and Sister Myrtle Aycock, singer. We are ready to go anywhere in the state on short notice.—J. K. Horton, 1933 Ellis St., Augusta, Ga.

I am strictly in the evangelistic work this year. Not waiting for calls, but on the battlefield for God, preaching where the opportunity presents itself, in the byways, highways and churches, just where the Lord leads; trusting the Lord all the way, praying, preaching the Word, watch and pray.—J. H. Morgan.

I take this opportunity to send you New Year's Greetings. A Happy New Year to All: Yesterday was our first New Year service. Brother Davis (Deacon) preached a soul stirring sermon. At the close several knelt in the altar for prayer. Two prayed thru to victory. In the afternoon at a cottage prayer meeting one was sanctified. At the night service after the meeting closed a young lady took me by the hand and said, "I am a backslider I want to be prayed for before leaving." I left the Church in prayer for her. Don't know whether she was reclaimed or not. We moved out of our rented house on the last day of 1926 and New Year morning found us in our nice new parsonage. The next pastor who comes here will have no rent to pay. The Church here is undisturbed over the litigation. We feel confident that God will work things out all right.—J. B. Ellis, Route 6, Greenville, S. C.

We, the Church of God people at Sanford, Fla., wish to announce thru the columns of the Church of God Evangel to the saints scattered abroad and to the general public; that the Church of God has been set in order at Lake Monroe, Florida with four members, and seven more to come in later. Aleen Merritt is Clerk and Treasurer with Thomas W. Godwin as pastor. We have a record of the Church now as we failed to find any record whatever, or any list of members, or names. We could not find any trace of a Church when we came here. We were informed when we came here that there were about fifty members, but when we made the round and came to a real show down as to how much Church of God timber we had to build with we had two brothers and two sisters. Of course we will have about seven more, as people have found out about what the Church of God really is, so we are now expecting the Lord to bless our efforts and crown each one with success. All who reads this please pray for Lake Monroe.—Thomas W. Godwin, Pastor, Aleen Merritt, Clerk.

NOTICE

There seems to be hundreds of Evangelists who have not as yet sent their credentials to Headquarters for renewal. Per-

haps some have forgotten, or have otherwise unavoidably neglected to send, and some have carelessly neglected. If it is of either case, let me insist that you renew at once.

The Secretary informs me that he is renewing at the rate of fifty per day. He would be glad to soon close this part of his work.

The Master's business requireth haste.

F. J. Lee.

REQUESTS

Mrs. R. E. Keene, 4 E. Montgomery Ave., Baltimore, Md. requests prayer for the healing of the body. Have special prayer for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Robbins, Summiton, Alabama, desires prayer that they may get back to God. They realize the need of salvation. Pray much for them.

Clarence C. Zinn, Cascade, West Virginia desires prayer for his little boy who has measles and pneumonia. Pray immediately for his healing.

MISSIONARY WORK

T. R. Warden

I want to praise God because I am still filled with the Holy Ghost and the missionary spirit burning within my soul. Praise the Lord forever for what He is to us.

Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." I want to say this, we cannot all go to the foreign fields and preach the Gospel for God has not called us all to the foreign fields, but we can do this, send our dollars to support those who have gone and want to go who have not the means. May God stir up our pure minds.

At the Assembly it was agreed that at least fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) should be raised this year, and no limit to how much more, for the missionary work, this amount to be divided out among the churches.

We received a statement of our share for the Canton church from Brother Haynes, our State Overseer, and I want to thank God and praise Him because we have raised more than the amount given to us and our aim is not to stop with this amount but to raise it to at least three times that and as many times more as we can.

Now, if some one is not prospering in the Lord as they think they should it may be because they haven't a good, warm missionary spirit. Suppose God would call you to the foreign fields, would you want some of your brothers and sisters in the Lord to stay here at home and have plenty to eat and a good time of prosperity and not deny themselves anything at all? Set back in the good old easy chair and go to sleep and forget about the missionary work, and the missionaries that have to those dark shores across the water to give their lives if necessary, to suffer from the want of food, to face the dangers of a heathen land, sickness and so on? I want to say they have given up all, they are willing to face anything for the Gospel's sake.

Now if you have been testifying that the Holy Ghost abides and you are on your way to Heaven, why not help some others that never heard about Heaven and Christ that they

may go too, and receive their reward?

Some people will get their children most anything they ask for, such as candy, chewing gum, ice cream etc. Now I am not writing this article to condemn these things, but you see so many times this is the case when some one says something about a missionary offering they fumble around in their pockets to find the smallest coin they can, not having the work of the missionaries on their heart at all, if they had they would begin to think how much they could give and then give until it is really felt. Those who will give so that they make a sacrifice themselves to give it, then that is giving, but the one who many times tries to find his smallest coin for the offering, if their children ask for something in the luxury line they have dollars to give them, in fact many times they will take them to town and get them anything they want, but pure love will work different than that I am quite sure. May that missionary spirit work upon our hearts. A word to the pastors.

I want to say it is up to the pastors to push the missionary work, some have, I believe and some have not, according to the missionaries on the field I believe that will show that some have not been doing their part. Some pastor might say that they are afraid to push this work and that they might get some offended if they ask an offering for the work of the missionaries. Again I want to say I believe that if a little backbone is used there are many, many dollars that could be gotten if all did their best to stir up their pure minds.

If we were on the foreign field how much we would appreciate every dollar that was sent us. Come and let every one of us work this year for the foreign fields as we never have before, and let our dollars go and preach for us if we cannot go ourselves. Yours for lost souls.

HE WILL HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYER

GARRISON, Ky.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel this morning as the Lord has been so good to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I am praising Him for His goodness and tender mercy. He heals me when I am sick and would say further that this salvation of which we are in possession of is without cost. If you want salvation just go to God and cry out for mercy from the depth of your heart. He will hear and answer prayer. I feel His Spirit in my heart as I am writing. I have been in this way for about eight years and am not tired of the way yet. All who read this pray that I may remain true to God that I may be a light to lost souls.—Mary Ash.

TESTIMONY FROM DELEWARE

WILMINGTON, Del.—I am living a life for Jesus and mean to work for God and be humble and do His will. Jesus has said in His precious Word, "The harvest is great and laborers are few" and I know God has called me to do a work for Him, so where He leads me I will go. Just three weeks ago Jesus healed me of neuritis and other troubles and I am still trusting Him and He never fails to answer prayer. Well we are going thru, no matter what comes or goes.—S. J. Pardee, 617 West 8th St.

FLASHLIGHT NOTES

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Why church members criticize and talk about the pastor all the week, and then don't know why they can't shout while he preaches the following Sunday.

How people can be partakers of the Missionary Gospel and hold sacred the memory of such missionaries as Paul, Peter, and all the apostles, and not be missionary workers.

How people can be real fathers and mothers and not be interested in orphanage work.

How a church expects to be triumphant and meet Jesus in peace without the unity of the Spirit.

—Name of contributor withheld.

HOW CAN I BE FREE FROM SIN?

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We cannot go wrong following the Bible. Below is given some Scripture which will start you on the right track. We read in Mark 1:15, Repent ye and believe the Gospel, again in Acts 2:38, Repent and be baptized every one of you. It will be made plain to you after reading these inspired Scriptures that the first step is repentance and the next step is to forsake your sins. Prov. 28:13. In order that you may prosper spiritually and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that you may be glory to Him both now and forever. 2 Pet. 3:18. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7. If we walk in the light as he is the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin. Dear friend if you are not saved from your sins you had better cry out for the cleansing blood before you have to cry for the cold water. Luke 15:23, 24. If you are converted you do not continue in sin, remember that when you get converted and the blood is applied to your heart that ye have come unto mount Zion and unto the city of the living God the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels to the general assembly

and Church of the first born which are written in Heaven. Heb. 12:22, 23. As you live in this life, so will judgment find you. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still and he that is righteous let him be righteous still. Rev. 22:11. This Scripture proves beyond all doubt, that we must be free from sin when we appear before the judgment bar of God, otherwise our souls will be doomed for eternity in a devil's hell. Luke 12:5. My dear reader, in summing it all up, let us come to a general conclusion that we will cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh. 2 Cor. 7:1 and let the Holy Spirit perfect us and purify our hearts so that we may be prepared and ready to go with Jesus when He comes in the clouds of Glory. God bless you all is my prayer.

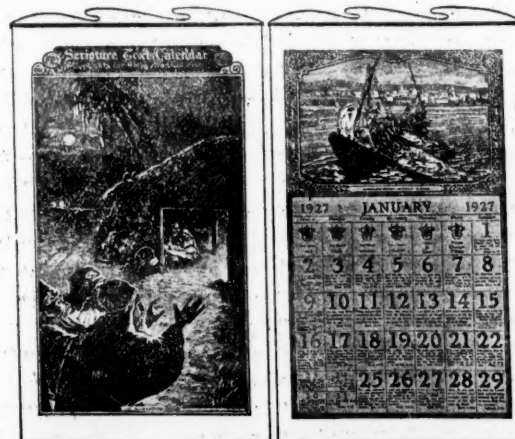
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We haven't forgotten the many helpful things we learned here: and as we returned we found many old students also many new ones, but best of all we found the sweet presence of Jesus very near.

There hasn't been as much sickness among the students as last year, of which we are glad.

Nearly half the term has gone and we're nearing examinations. We are always glad to know what we're making. I'm trying to learn all I can this time and am expecting to learn more next year. We're expecting to have a good time throughout the term.

I'm sure we all need to pray more each day. I desire the prayers of saints.

Bible Training School
Be of good cheer.
I am with thee.
Beware of false doctrine.
Love one another.
Enter into his courts with thanksgiving.

Trust in the Lord.
Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth.
Attend unto my cry, Oh! Lord.
If ye love me keep my commandments.
No man hath seen God at any time.
I am the true vine.
Nothing shall by any means hurt you.
God is love.

Sing a new song.
Come out from among them.
Hear the conclusion of whole matter fear God.
Our redemption draweth nigh.
Oh satisfy us early with thy mercy.
Let not your heart be troubled.

Our Good Teachers
Obey them that have rule over you.
Unto us a son is given.
Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Go and sin no more.
Other sheep have I which are not of this fold.
Oh that men would praise the Lord.
Do good unto all men.

Teach us thy ways oh Lord.
Enter ye in at the straight gate.
Abstain from all appearance of evil.
Children obey your parents in the Lord.
Hear ye the word of the Lord.
Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.
Repent and believe the Gospel.
Speak not evil one of another, brethren.

Nellie E. Walker.

STUDENT FROM MISSISSIPPI

Where Jesus is 'tis Heaven for me, and I know He is here, because I feel His presence from time to time. I praise the Lord for permitting me to be in school for a second term. I surely like to be here to enjoy the good blessings of the Lord. You do not find the environments everywhere just like they are here. Every day we are associated with good Christian people who are endeavoring to do God's

will, therefore we are the happiest band of people I know anything about.

We appreciate our teachers, Brother Payne and Sister Moore as well as the student body. The love and fellowship in this school is wonderful. It could not be, was it not for the Lord. When I think of the young people that would like to come to school, it makes me sad, but on the other hand it makes me glad when I look over the school-room and see so many who have started to live for Jesus. It would be a mean thing for a person to backslide in a place like this. The enemy of our soul opposes everything that is good, that is why he opposes the Bible School, but the Lord is here, and if he wasn't we would not be here, because we mean to serve Him in Spirit and in truth. There has been two reclaimed in Friday evening prayer meetings since school began, but there are one or two more that haven't salvation. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless us.—J. B. Cole.

STUDENT FROM ALABAMA

I am glad to sound a note of praise to the Lord thru the Evangel for what He is to me. I am glad for the privilege of attending Bible School this session. I have about the same mind Brother Peter had on one occasion when he said, "Lord it is good for us to be here." I started toward Heaven something more than a year ago and I am still going toward the city of Heaven. Somehow or other the Lord is carrying me thru the Bible School while on the way to Heaven.

I am made to believe that why I am here is because I have endeavored to fall in the hands of the Lord that He might lead me where He would have me go, as I am too weak to know what is best at all times. There are some that oppose the Bible School. It may be the reason that there have been some who have attended school and afterward went down in sin and never accomplished anything. There are many people that the Lord has blest in a marvelous way and they failed to be thankful for it and trampled the blessings under their feet and their blessing became a curse to them. Many people have had the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God then backslide. By this, brought a reproach on the Cause. By us not being what we ought to be, many times brings reproach to the good work of the Lord. It has been said that the Bible students criticize the ones who do not attend the school and the ones who do not attend criticize the students. If you are guilty of this what do you say to this: Let us all step down off the stool of criticism and begin to pray for each other more and love every body better. Remember we are nothing without the Lord. Let us put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand the evil one.

Let us make a closer walk with the Lord in the year of 1927 than ever before; for Jesus may come and I am sure every one wants to be ready at His appearance.—Leland Burroughs.

A Student from Texas

I truly thank the dear Lord for an opportunity to enclose a few words which I have in mind this evening.

I remember when I heard last summer that there would be school this year, I began making preparation to go. However the devil told me as he did the others, "You had better stay home this year and go next year." So I decided to stay at home and work, save my money and get ready to go next year. But God kept dealing with my heart in such a way I could scarcely sleep at night, so I began to pray and ask the dear Lord to make a way for me to come to the Bible School. Many times at my work I would be thinking about going and would wonder if God was going to answer my prayer. Some way I felt that He would, for He has promised that He would never leave us nor forsake us. Heb. 13:5.

I remember one evening when I went home from my work, my mother asked me if I did not want to go to the Bible School. Surely my heart was overflowed with joy, because God had heard and answered my prayer. So I am glad this evening because I am in Tennessee and in the Bible School. I can truly say that this is the best place this side of the Glory World for any young boy or girl. Especially so if you ever expect to do anything for Jesus.

We certainly do have some wonderful times here. We shout together, cry together and preach to each other. We enjoy ourselves very much.

Some people talk about the Bible School, but we are still praying for them.

We have two good teachers. They are well qualified for their positions and we love them both.

I cannot tell you how glad I am that I am in the Bible Training School. You will have to come and see for yourself. Remember to pray for the students. Your brother in Christ Jesus.—Jack Cockerell.

OBITUARIES

HURT

The death angel visited the home of Sister Callie Hurt on October 9, 1926 and claimed her as its victim.

She leaves to mourn her death, husband and a host of friends.

Sister Hurt first accepted Jesus in the Methodist church and remained until fifteen years ago. She heard holiness preached and was sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God at Rome, Georgia. We will miss her from our midst.

Being seventy-three years of age, she was very feeble for several years, but bore all her afflictions with patience. Her body was laid to rest in the Armuchee cemetery to await the resurrection for she died in the faith. Funeral service conducted by the writer, H. S. Crozier.

TOWARY

On September 13, 1926 the death angel crept into our home and claimed for its victim our darling brother, Jimmie, age 18 years and six months. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but some way we know not why our dear Lord saw fit to take him home to be with Him where all sufferings and pain are over.

He would call for prayer and the saints prayed for him and he said the Lord blessed him and he wanted the Lord to have His way.

Jimmie was a loving brother and always had a kind word and smile for every one he met. He was in holiness. He leaves to mourn his death, mother, two sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

He has gone to be with Jesus, To a better home than this; He has gained a home in Heaven Where hard trials he will miss.

For he's done with earth's hard trials, And no tears will dim his eye, But we hope to meet him yonder Where we'll never say good-bye. Written by his heart-broken sister, Sisley K. Towary, Marks, Miss.

COX

Little Ophie Kenneth Cox was born October 8, 1925 and died February 20, 1926; was sixteen months and twelve days old.

All was done that loving hands could do, but God in His wisdom and power called little Ophie to live with Him.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. McChesney and the little body laid to rest in the Oglesby Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Whom God has taken for His glory; Although it grieves us sore, We must try and be submissive, And live nearer Him than before. His broken hearted father and mother, —Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cox, Pulaski, Va.

VAUGHN

On October 31, 1926 the death angel visited our home and called our little baby girl home to be with Jesus. It is hard to give our dear ones up; but Jesus knows best. Yes, I gave her up to Him.

I feel so thankful that I can trust Him through all trials and temptations. I have two little ones gone on before and am trusting to meet them when trials are over.

I desire the prayers of all praying people.—Mrs. Will Vaughn, Wolfpit, Ky.

CARROL

Little Francis Olive Carrol, daughter of Floyd and Ida Mae Carrol was born Dec. 8, 1923 and departed this life to be with Jesus Nov. 23, 1926. She was a very sweet child and very sensible for her age.

She leaves to mourn her loss, mother, father, two brothers, Eugene and Eddie, 1 sister, Dorothy and many relatives and friends. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know our loss is heaven's gain.

Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep! From which none ever wakes to weep! A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes!

Harry L. Whittington, Pastor.

HARRELL

On October 30, 1926 our hearts were made sad when the death angel passed through our midst and claimed for its victim, the wife of W. C. Harrell, age twenty-nine years, eleven months and nine days. She was a true child of God, being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church. She bore her suffering with patience and would often pray and praise God and just a few days before she passed away she just shouted and sang a beautiful song in tongues and said she saw the gates of Heaven open and the angels were shouting because Jesus was coming after her. She died happy in the Lord. To know her was to love her. The husband has lost a loving wife, the children a fond and loving mother, her parents a good daughter and the Church a faithful member. She leaves to mourn her death, a heart-broken husband and six children, a father and mother, four brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure, but we weep not as those who have no hope for we expect to meet her in the Glory World some sweet day, where there will be no tear-dimmed eyes and no sad farewells, but all will be peace and joy forevermore. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the tabernacle where her membership was.

Written by her aunt who loved her very dearly.—Mrs. Emily Sheffield, Broxton, Georgia.

GUTHERIE

On Wednesday, November 24, 1926, the death angel visited the home of W. E. Guthrie and took his dear wife from him. She was sick only eleven days and was patient to the end. She trusted God entirely.

Sister Guthrie was born November 4, 1880. At an early age she joined the Baptist church and about fifteen years ago she was sanctified and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Since that time she has lived true to all its teachings, shedding her light all around her. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, two sons, three daughters, four sisters and one brother, besides her many friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Rumber of Wimauma, Fla.

A wife has been called up to Heaven And a mother so devoted and mild None truer has ever been given, She was truly the Saviour's own child.

Her life was a grand example, Of the Christlife we all wish to live; We can never forget her example And the help she would cheerfully give.

The hope which thru Jesus is given, All your troubles to help and sustain For soon in the mansions of Heaven May you meet your mother again.

Have faith in the words God has spoken "Peace and Joy" thru the Word we obtain;

As sure as God's Word isn't broken You shall meet your beloved again.

Let's not mourn her departing, friends She is freed from all sorrows and harm;

'Twas a loving message Jesus sent And gathered her home in His arms. Her niece, Ione Watts.

HAYNES

On November 8, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haynes, Pinsonfork, Ky. and took their only son, D. W. Jr. He was born November 8, 1925 and died November 8, 1926.

How we miss you precious darling, From this world below; But we'll meet you some glad morning When to Heaven we shall go. One who loved him.—W. B. W.

LOWE

On Sunday night November 28, 1926 our hearts were made sad when the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lowe and claimed for

COMBINED REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOV. AND DEC., 1926

FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD, EUSTIS, FLA.

Total Amount of tithes paid	\$182.72
Total amount of tithes paid to Gen'l O'seer	18.22
Total amount of tithes paid to State O'seer	14.79
Total amount of tithes paid the pastor	149.23
Total amount of Free-will offerings raised	13.28
Total amount of Free-will offerings paid out	13.28
Brought forward in the Poor Treasury	14.29
Raised during the month	4.30
Balance now on hand	18.39
Brought Forward From Last Month for Bld'g.	29.20
Raised during the month	125.65
Paid out	125.65
Balance on hand	29.20
Brought forward in the treasure of the Missionary Band	4.82
Raised during the month	4.89
Balance now on hand	9.71
Brought in the treasure of the Sunday School	7.65
Raised during the month	19.10
Paid out	24.50
Balance on hand	2.20
Pledge money brought forward for school and orphanage	9.65
Raised during month	30.96
Balance now on hand	40.61
Raised & forwarded to Bro. Bright, complying with rule No. 3	5.60
Grand total of all finance raised during the past two months	406.50
Grand total of all finance paid out	371.75
Balance now on hand	100.31
My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory. Phil 4:19.	
After many days of toiling, labouring, praying and faithfully	

its victim, their darling baby boy, Frank. He was only ten months and one day old, was not sick but a week and one day, but bore his sickness with patience. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but the Lord knew best, so He took him home to rest. He leaves a father, mother, one little brother and two grandmothers, also several relatives and friends to mourn his loss. Little Frank was loved by every one who knew him. His funeral was conducted by Brother Carlton and the body was laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. Thou art gone O precious darling, Up in Heaven there to be; Tell dear Jesus I am coming, Save a place up there for me.

We will miss you little darling, But we know that you are gone Up in Heaven with the angels, There to live around the throne. One who loved him dearly.—Mrs. Virnya Albritton, Avon Park, Fla. R.I.

JESUS HEALS TODAY

BROWNFIELD, Tex. — I praise God for salvation and His wonderful healing power.

working together, we can say that our labouring was not in vain. For now we can see from behind the wall of hindrance; the old dark cloud is vanishing away, and we see clearly the wall of prosperity before us. The Church is full of glory, and the way seemeth victorious. Prosperity is shining in the Sunday School, prosperity is shining in the Missionary Band. From this we conclude that "God will supply our needs." Everything that is capable of doing good has its place in the scheme of things. By the common consent of people of experience, and on the face of them, some things have better established places than others. Among the good things that are ours to enjoy, there are interspersed a few trouble-makers, and a large number having unstable character and consequent doubtful reputation.

It seems that the acts of argument has somehow found its way into the church while there are few who still glory in its exercises. Yet the greater portion of this cult has gone into the past along with the old Je-bating society which was built around the difference of public opinion. In those days there were battles of the giants, in which the glib tongue was the instrument used; argument was the ammunition of the fray.

Applying the usual steps of reason it would seem that popular experience has found that argument does not pay. We must look forward and use the knowledge of He "Who is able to supply our need." Pray for us. P. C. Hickson, Secretary and Treasurer.

He healed our baby of croup. She was so choked up that she could hardly breathe, inasmuch that she could be heard trying to get her breath by one out in the yard and the doors closed. We sent for some of the saints and prayed and the Lord healed her. She began to get better before the saints got here. The Lord has healed in our family many times such as mumps, whooping cough and several other ailments. Our two little ones are sick of fever and one has a sore throat. All who believe in prayer, pray that they may be healed and also that we may stay humble and obedient to God's commandments.—J. G. Stucker and wife.

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ORPHANAGE REPORT

From Dec. 1, 1926 to Jan. 1, 1927

The Church of God, Walbridge, Ohio, Used, articles; 1 girl's coat, 6 dresses, (new) 1 comfort, 1 pr. bloomers, 2 knicker suits, 5 new dresses, 3 pr. pants and waists; 1 pr. hose used, 2 pr. pants, 2 middys, 8 pr. stockings, 2 blis, 1 apron, 2 bars soap, 5 papers pins, 1 card buttons, 2 spoons thread, 5 pencils, 2 tablets.

Mrs. W. H. Raney, Springfield, Mo., 3 1/2 yds. remnants, 2 bars soap, 2 spoons thread, 2 towels, Mrs. Frank Justin, Detroit, Mich., used articles; 8 aprons, 1 bath robe, 1 sweater, 2 coats, 7 dresses, 4 new dresses, 1 boy's suit (old), 1 pr. pants (old), several toys; From a friend in Jacksonville, Fla., 4 prs. boy's underwear, 3 boy's suits, 2 boy's blouses; Mrs. Dora Sebeley, Louise, Miss., 1 quilt, Mrs. D. J. Allen, Carbur, Fla., 4 towels, 4 yds. cloth, 1 pr. socks, 1 child's suit, 1 hdkf., Mrs. Eva Presley, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1 box used clothing and shoes; Mae Staggs, Middletown, Ohio, 4 new dresses, 3 boxes toys, 2 dolls, 2 ladies' purses, 1 box candy, 1 hat (used); Bro. Cockren, Etowah, Tenn., 2 sweaters, J. D. Wilson, Middletown, Ohio, (new) 10 pr. bloomers, 1 sweater, 5 yds. cloth, 15 dresses, 3 girls blouses, 1 bloomer suit, 2 princess slips, 1 jumper suit, 1 middy suit, (used) 23 dresses, 2 shirts, 9 pr. boy's pants, 1 boy's cap, 1 boy's hat, 2 pajamas, 6 boy's blouses, Mr. W. R. Whitherspoon, Buckner, Ill., 2 gals. fruit, Sister Alice Dilbeck, Sale Creek, Tenn., 8 glasses jelly, 1 qt. jelly, Mrs. Lucy Leggett, Sale Creek, 8 qts. jelly, 1 glass jelly, Mrs. Shelton, Sale Creek, 1 glass jelly, Thos. Gross, Sale Creek, 1 glass jelly, Thos. Warden, Canton, Ohio, (used) 2 suits underwear, 7 wash suits for boys, 7 boy's blouses, 1 matron skirt, 1 matron dress (new), 1 boy's blouse, 1 pr. coversalls, 3 pr. stockings, W. A. Powell, Lynch, Ky., 2 boxes apples, Mrs. D. A. McRae, St. Mary, Ga., 1 box containing 11 bars soap, 3 pkgs. washing powder, 5 lb. sugar, 4 lb. rice, 3 qts. peaches, 2 qts. jelly, 3 pts. and 2 glasses preserves, Mrs. Lula Garrett, Walhalla, S. C., 1 cake and some fruit, Mrs. H. C. Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va., 2 boxes candy, James A. Lang, Tarpon Springs, Fla., 1 bbl citrus fruit, Blanche and Irene Ross, Youngstown, Ohio, 1 box toys, Mrs. H. W. Carter, Logan, W. Va., 4 coats (used), 7 dresses, 1 dresser scarf, 1 bed spread, 2 dolls (new), Col. C. S. Mayfield, City, 1 box oranges, 1 box apples, 1 tub candy, The Sanitary Bakery, City, 1 large cake, The Masonic Lodge, City, 2 baskets mixed fruit, The Sewing Club, Christopher, Ky., 7 dresses, 2 caps, 2 boy's blouses, 10 pr. stockings, Mrs. Josie Willis, Montgomery, Ala., 9 ladies' blouses, Mrs. M. H. Burgess, Odessa, Fla., 4 used skirts, H. C. Trusdale, Montverde, Fla., 1 lb. candy, The Sewing Club, Twila, Ky., 10 dresses, 2 dresses (old), 3 princess slips, 4 shirts, Mrs. Ora Page, Montverde, Fla., 1 box containing 1 qt. huckle berries, 1 toy rabbit, 2 bars toilet soap, 1 ladies' blouse, 2 lbs. candy, 1 lb. mixed nuts, 2 doz. buttons, 1 harmonica, 1 towel, some fruit and toys, Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, Carbur, Fla., 14 hdkfs. Mrs. W. M. Walton, Louise, Miss., 3 yds. gingham, 2 towels, 10 yds. outing, 2 dresses (used), Miss Constance Scott, Youngstown, Ohio, 1 box toys, Mr. E. Florence, City, 1 box bananas, Martha Combs Laurel Mont, 14 towels, 1 set pillow cases, 1 pr. bloomers, 41 yds. assorted cloth, 4 ironing pads, 6 dolls, The Sewing Club, Big Timber, Mont., 5 dresses, 4 pr. bloomers, 4 gowns, 2 princess slips, Mrs. Clyde Pennington, Princeton, W. Va., 1 box containing 1 dress, 1 3/8 yds. cloth, 9 tubes face cream, 3 bars soap, 2 cans bath powder, 1 boy's wash suit, 1 cap, 1 blouse, 1 box candy, 1 dress, 1 boy's suit, 6 pr. slippers, 6 yds. cloth, 6 dresses, Mrs. Lena and Eula Burroughs, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 2 spoons thread, 5 pencils, 1 bar soap, 50 safety pins, 2 papers pins, 2 papers needles, 2 doz. buttons, 1 bath cloth, 6 pr. shoe laces, 3 yds. elastic.

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Mrs. Maggie Chesser.

REPORT FROM MANATEE, FLORIDA

We have just closed a meeting at Manatee of which every one says is the best since J. W. Buckalew set the church in order. Brother Self, our State Overseer assigned us to this work. At first we thought maybe he ought to have done better by us, but any way we came on determined to do our best. Shortly after getting on the work we began a revival and God set His seal on it from the very start. The altar was full of seekers and strange as it may seem, they were men and women of mature age and most of them men. God's power would sweep down and they would go through and were filled with Heaven's food. There were between twenty and twenty-five received the Holy Ghost, for we heard them speak with tongues. I do not know how many were

saved and sanctified. Twenty were added to the Church. One man who had been seeking the Holy Ghost for ten years received the baptism. Men were made to confess and straighten up their lives. As old time Holy Ghost. Judgment Day, Sinai conviction fell upon them the devil was stirred, but was surely defeated this time. It was sure enough a hard fight, it seemed that the devil had the lid on this revival and was sitting down on it, but we just loaded the old Gospel gun with the power of God and the power began to fall. Souls were born into the kingdom of God, Heaven rejoiced and hell put on a robe of mourning, the devil dropped his head and we had a good time.

Say boys, Manatee is on the map. One Sunday night while the revival was going on our place of worship was crowded, one man who was then a sinner said "I will give forty dollars toward making this house larger" and in a very short time we had two hundred and seventy-five dollars pledged. We got busy, appointed our building committee and to-day we have one of the niftiest little churches in the south, about 31x64 ft., nicely finished and seated, also the parsonage painted. It was wonderful how God has blessed. We expect to have our Home Coming and dedication service the first Sunday in January. A number of the good saints from the other churches are expected to be present and help us celebrate the great victory for God and His cause. I want to say right here we have a bunch of people here who are foursquare, they are not shaken in the least over conditions anywhere. They know God is in His Heaven, Jesus sits at His right hand and the angel of the Lord is encamped round about us, God is above us, beneath us, before us, behind us and in us, therefore we have the devil bluffed and backed off. Amen.

The Lord surely gave us some real material for the Church in this meeting. We are perfectly satisfied here, feel just like we are in Divine order and appreciate God's goodness. A man said to me recently, "What's the matter down there?" I said, "There isn't any matter down there, it's God's power, grace and glory" that is what is hindering so many places. We must have God's grace and glory in things before it will be a success. I find in Acts 15:6 where the apostles and elders came together for to consider the matter, but when they got the matter out of the way, they said, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us. Well thank God for everything, it all works together for good to them that love God.

While the meeting was going there was a woman in South Bradenton who they thought was dying. They called us to pray for her. Her jaws were locked, her eye sight was gone. We called on God who heard from Heaven, she regained her eyesight, her jaws were unlocked and when her mouth was opened she was speaking with tongues as God's Spirit gave the utterance. It was surely wonderful.—I. H. Marks.

WANTS TO RETURN TO GOD

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—I am writing a few lines to be published in the Evangel. I strayed away from God and went back in sin, but I want to come back home. I truly want to do something for Him before I leave this old world. I want all the saints of God to pray for my children to come to the Lord and live for Him. I'm sure the

best present I could receive for Christmas would be Jesus Christ, or any other poor sinner who is not living for the Lord, you should seek Him as a present, which would prove more beneficial I am sure than any other thing. I have witnessed nothing but trouble since I've been away from God. My husband is the only one of our family who knows the Lord.

Dochon Ollinger.

Wants to Be Ready

EUTAW, Ala.—I want to sound a note of praise to my Lord and Saviour. To-day finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The enemy has put lots of things in my way, has made it look dark sometimes, but the Lord always comes in time of need. We do not have the privilege of attending service as some do as it is thirty-five miles to church. The Lord can keep us at home as well as at church if we stay humble and keep His commandments. My desire is to get closer as I feel the time of Jesus is drawing near. I do want to be ready to go up should Jesus come or call for me. Eutaw is a nice little town and it needs Jesus. If any preacher feels led to come this way he will be cared for and will not have to walk away, but he must be a true blue preacher.—H. L. Cheek.

FULFILLING HER PROMISES TO GOD

TOPTON, N. C.—Some time ago I had a spell of sickness and I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify through the paper. But I failed to do so and on last night I took a pain at my heart and I again promised the Lord if He would heal me and let me live till morning I surely would testify of it. When I got up this a. m. the pain was all gone, for which I thank the Lord. I am not a member of the Church, am not sanctified, but ask all the saints to pray for me and my family. I would be glad if some good minister would come here and hold a meeting, I know the Methodist people would let you preach in their building. Pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Ellen Hardin.

TAKE YOUR BURENS TO THE LORD

CUMBERLAND, Miss.—I still feel real good in my soul. Praise the Lord. Truly I feel like going all the way with the Lord. I am so glad for the everlasting promises God has given us and often think of the song, "If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out, take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there. He has promised to go with us to the end. I am glad He showed me the light one day and that I walked therein. Husband and I both have the Holy Ghost and we trust Him for the healing of our bodies when we get sick. What a wonderful Saviour who died for us all. It makes me want to do more for Him, I want to tell the lost souls of the love of Jesus for He has done so much for me. I know that we can do nothing without Him and I am striving daily to be a light for Jesus. I want my life to be a testimony before the world. When I look around and see so many groping in darkness it seems my heart will break within, but thank God the sorrows of this life will soon be over and we shall be at rest forevermore.—Lucile Avent.

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—While reading the 103d Psalm, which the Lord directed me to. I found that there was something in it for me, where David said that Jesus healeth all thy diseases etc., and it is wonderful how the dear Lord consoles His children. I was burdened at the time, it seemed as though Satan was on every side, sometimes it seems the harder we pray, the harder the trials come, but God knows that I have a desire to do the right thing and He has promised that thru every trial and test that there will be a way for our escape and it is my desire to go all the way with Jesus, but listen friends when we say we are going thru, it means more than talking about it, we must pray lots and prove to the world that we are living for God.

We have been getting the Evangel for years and I had never written, so I felt that I wanted to tell the world that I am serving the same God that you people

are serving who write thru this paper. Oh it is food to my soul. I have been saved for nine years and the further I go in this way, the better it seems. I also have the baptism with the Holy Ghost, with a Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

The Lord has been a present help in time of need to me since I have been here, has healed us many times and I specially want to praise Him for healing my baby. My husband is a drunkard, pray that God may save him before it is too late.—Mrs. L. Pierce.

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